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Mr. Robert Hein,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hein:-

I did not feel that there was any lack of appreciation in your preferring to have your circular and petition sent in some other way, rather than as I had suggested. It would undoubtedly do more good if it went as a separate letter, and it would be at least as good, and perhaps better, if it went out under the heading of the Phil-Summeria Bulletin, rather than under that of the Woman's Column. The

paper and type of the Bulletin are handsomer than those of the Column, and an array of distinguished

I think you are right, too, names is always a help. in feeling that it would seem to many people not to be a woman's affair.

If it should not be practicable to do that, the W. C. T. U. might very likely be willing to take it up. ~~The~~ ^{They} passed a unanimous resolution at their last annual Convention, and Miss Willard is much interested. I am distributing the numbers of the Bulletin which have come to me, and also the copies of your circular. Every one who has seen it thus far agree with me, however, that a European governor who was removable at the pleasure of the Sultan would do no good, or would be promptly removed if he did. Also that the suggestion of his being supported by a Turkish army is superfluous, if not distinctly injurious. Still, I do not think these

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pointe matter much, for the action that England may take will not be influenced by the particular thing which the American petitions and resolutions may recommend, but will be determined by international ^{political} considerations. Strong expressions of sympathy from America will, as Mr. Bryce says, strengthen the hands of those who are trying to get something done, and that is all we can do.

Last Sunday afternoon I was one of the speakers at a large meeting in Providence held to protest against the Comenian massacres. I got a clause recommending a European governor, put into the resolution. One of the speakers who followed, a

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Professor of Brown University who ^{used to be U.S.} ~~has taught in the~~
~~Counsel~~ ~~American School~~ at Athens fervently recommended in
his speech a Greek governor for Armenia. I laughed
in my sleeve, remembering what you and Mr.
Varzhahedian had said on that subject.

I hardly think it will be possible to raise
much money in Boston toward the sending out
of your circular. The treasury of the United
Friends of Armenia is empty. The 10,000 Woman's
column which my father and I sent were paid
for out of our own pockets. Most of the Americans
in Boston are poor, and they have contributed so
generously already from their small means that
I have not felt willing to ask them for any-
thing more, even to further my own pet scheme,
but have been trying to raise the necessary
money from outside sources.

Sincerely yours, Alice Stone Blackwell.